

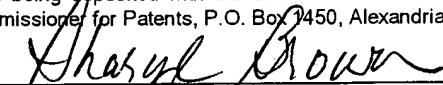
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Examiner Eugene Lee Kim  
Art Unit: 3721  
Filed: February 26, 2004  
For: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH VACUUM  
SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

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**Transmittal Of Preliminary Amendment**

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1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return postcard

2. Provisional Fee Authorization

Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
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EXAMINER: EUGENE LEE KIM

GROUP ART UNIT: 3721

**Preliminary Amendment**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005. A response is due by April 4, 2005. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: